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COTTON AND SILK PRODUCTION LAGS:
UKRAINIAN KOK-SAGYZ HIGH

PARTY TAKES MEASURES AGAINST COTTON LOSS -- Pravda Vostoka, No 216, 30 Oct 48

Loss of cotton in kolkhozes of Ak-Kurganskiy Rayon, Tashkent Oblast, has been so extensive -- as much as $1\frac{1}{2}$ - 2 centners per hectare -- that the Bureau of the TsK KP(b) Uzbekistan has made the following decrees: Karimov, First Secretary of the Ak-Kurganskiy Rayon party committee and Mirkhanov, chairman of the executive committee of the Rayon Soviet of Workers' Deputies are severely reprimanded for allowing losses; if losses are not eradicated within the next few days, stronger measures will be taken against the two leaders.

The Ak-Kurganskiy party and executive committees will be required within the next few days to organize collection of cotton from fields, roads, and all areas where loss has occurred. Since losses were particularly great on fields worked by sections and brigades which have been fulfilling the cotton harvesting plan, the Rayon committee and executive committee must see to it that these sections and brigades are given additional tasks in the harvest, which must be accomplished without the slightest loss.

The Ministry of State Control Uzbek SSR (Minister, Yuldashev) must inspect the progress of the efforts made against cotton losses on all kolkhozes in Ak-Kurganskiy Rayon and hold the guilty persons responsible in accordance with the law. The Ak-Kurganskiy Rayon party committee and executive committee must send their workers to kolkhozes to take measures against cotton losses.

TADZHIK PLANS INCREASED COTTON HARVEST IN 1949 -- Kommunist Tadzhikistana, No 197, 2 Oct 48

Leading kolkhozes and party and soviet organizations in leading rayons of the Tadzhik SSR have appealed for an increase in the gross cotton harvest in 1949 to 350,000 tons for the whole Republic. A large portion of land now cultivated with grain and other crops will be sown with cotton for the 1949 harvest. The present rate of the 1948 harvest indicates that the goal of 300,000 tons will be fulfilled. Kolkhozes and sovkhoses throughout the Republic harvested nearly 4,000 tons in one day, 30 September.

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KIRGIZ SILK INDUSTRY IMPROVED, BUT LAGGING BEHIND 1940 -- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 185, 17 Sep 48

In 1948, according to incomplete data, kolkhozes of the Kirgiz SSR obtained approximately 9 million rubles from their silkworm-raising, plus 14.7 million rubles' worth of silk goods, and more than 4,000 centners of grain which the state released to them in the form of contracted goods.

The Republic exceeded its plan for cotton deliveries in 1948. Twenty-four percent more cocoons were delivered this year than in 1947. Not a single oblast failed to fulfill its obligations to the state in the delivery of cocoons.

Kirgizia occupied second place in the USSR in 1948 for the delivery of silk cocoons, being outdistanced only by Turkmenistan. Osh Oblast obtained the best results among the three Kirgiz oblasts engaged in silkworm-raising (the other two are Dzhalsal-Abad and Frunze oblasts).

However, Kirgizia has not yet accomplished the task of reaching the prewar level for the gross harvest of cocoons. The gross cocoon yield still must be increased 25 percent over the actual 1948 deliveries.

HIGHEST KOK-SAGYZ HARVEST -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 245, 15 Oct 48

In 1947, kolkhozes of Cherkasskiy Rayon, Ukrainian SSR, had the highest kok-sagyz yield in the USSR. The average yield per hectare at "Chervonnyy Partizan" Kolkhoz was 40 centners of kok-sagyz root.

BAST FIBER PLANTS COMPLETE PLANS-- Sovetskaya Kirgiziya, No 212, 24 Oct 48

The Kara-Bulak Bast Fiber Plant in Frunze Oblast completed the 1948 plan on 8 October and has pledged to produce above the plan an additional 50 tons of new bast fiber, realizing 140,000 rubles in above-plan profits.

The Dzhangi-Pakhtinskiy Bast Fiber Plant completed the month plan on 17 October and has pledged to complete the annual plan by 7 November.

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